

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 1 has been amended as follows:**

In recent years, as a result of the ~~researches~~ research ~~developments~~ development which have has been actively conducted to apply liquid crystal materials ~~to~~ for optical purposes, a liquid crystal film produced by aligning a liquid crystal material and forming the material into a film has been practically used for the purposes of compensating color and widening a viewing ~~angle,~~ angle of a liquid crystal display device.

**Paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 5 has been amended as follows:**

The present invention was made in view of the forgoing problems and provides a liquid crystal film with an excellent heat resistance, and which is produced by fixing an aligned liquid crystal material containing a side chain-type polymeric liquid crystalline substance obtained by polymerizing a novel compound having reactive groups with excellent reactivity for fixing the aligned liquid crystal structure and a difunctional low molecular weight liquid crystalline substance having two or more such reactive groups.

Heading at line 24 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~INVENTION~~ PREFERRED  
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